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SUBJECT: DRAFTMETEOROLOGICAL AGREEMENT FOR COLOMBIA

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PASS TO DAVE EDDLEMAN

1. THE FOLLOWING NEW INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR
EPSTEIN AND COORDINATED WITH HALLGREN/ZAVOS.

2. NEGOTIATE FOR A PACKAGE ON ALL OF THE COLOMBIAN
REQUESTS, NOT ONE ITEM AT A TIME. ASK FOR ALL REQUESTS ON
BOGOTA, SAN ANDRES AND TRAINING TO BE STATED.

3. AFTER RECEIVING THE TOTAL LIST OF REQUESTS AS THE FIRST
POSITION REITERATE TO COLOMBIA A FULL INTENT TO HAVE
PROVIDED THE EQUIPMENT FOR BOGOTA WITH FULL EXTENDABLE
AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT. RECOGNIZING OBVIOUS GOC INTEREST
IN BOGOTA, ALSO REITERATE STRONG US INTEREST IN BOGOTA
FOR WWW AND FGGE. STATE WE ARE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE THE
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DETAILS THAT BOTH STATIONS BE ON AS EQUAL A BASIS AS

POSSIBLE. STATE THAT THE ONLY UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME IS THE VAP DONOR ALSO STATE THAT THE US IS ACTIVELY SEEKING INCREASED VAP SUPPORT FROM OTHER DONORS FOR LATIN AMERICA

TO THE WMO WHICH IS WHY THE US IS NOT NOW OFFERING TO BE THE DONOR. OUR INTENT IS TO ENCOURAGE A DONOR OF VAISLA EQUIPMENT TO ALL 3 MAINLAND STATIONS BE THE SAME. THE US WILL GUARANTEE SCR-658 SUPPORT FOR BOGOTA UNTIL THE VAP EQUIPMENT IS OPERATING. STATE THAT A SPECIFIC DONOR WILL BE IDENTIFIED NOT LATER THAN MAR. 15.

4. AS A SECOND POSITION AND ONLY IF NECESSARY, STATE THAT IF ANOTHER VAP DONOR IS NOT IDENTIFIED BY MAR. 15 THE US WILL PROVIDE A GMD FOR BOGOTA SO THAT IT IS OPERATING NO LATER THAN JUNE 1.

5. IF COLOMBIA IS STILL CONCERNED THAT THE US MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A GMD BY JUNE 1, STATE THAT IF NECESSARY WE WILL BE WILLING TO TRANSFER THE GMD FROM SAN ANDRES AT OUR EXPENSE. THIS OFFER TO MOVE FROM SAN ANDRES IS A LAST RESORT AND SHOULD BE MADE ONLY TO SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS. IF THE OFFER TO MOVE IS MADE PART OF THE AGREEMENT, THE CONDITIONS ARE THAT WE WOULD MOVE ONLY IF ANOTHER VAP DONOR HAD NOT BEEN FOUND BY MAR 15. NO OTHER GMD WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEET THE JUNE 1 DEADLINE, AND WE WOULD FULLY INTEND TO PUT ANOTHER GMD AT SAN ANDRES TO CONTINUE HURRICAN SUPPORT.

6. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE WOULD NOT WANT TO MOVE THE SAN ANDRES GMD BECAUSE IT IS NEWER THAN ANY REPLACEMENT AND IT MIGHT INTERRUPT THE PROGRAM DURING THE HURRICAN SEASON. OUR INTENT WOULD BE TO PROVIDE A GMD DIRECTLY TO BOGOTA BY JUNE 1 IF FINLAND AND VAP(F) ARE NOT DONORS, AND LEAVE THE GMD AT SAN ANDRES. THE OFFER TO MOVE THE SAN ANDRES GMD IS OUR GUARANTEE TO COLUMBIA THAT BOGOTA WILL RECEIVE MORE ADVANCED EQUIPMENT.

7. BEFORE ANY AGREEMENT IS REACHED, TAKE ACTION ON ALL ITEMS IN SECTION 2 OF YOUR NOV. 26 GUIDELINES. THE RESULTS SHOULD BE USED TO GUIDE THE NEGOTIATIONS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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8. IF COLOMBIA INSISTS ON FURTHER CONDITIONS FOR BOGOTA OR INSISTS ON NEW CONDITIONS CONCERNING SAN ANDRES OR TRAINING BEYOND THOSE COVERED IN YOUR GUIDELINES ON NOV.26 RECESS THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TELEPHONE FOR INSTRUCTIONS. ROBINSON

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